

Accordingly, Fukuzo fails to teach or suggest an address-input circuit which latches address signals and response to a clock signal and outputs the address signals in response to a timing signal and a data input circuit which latches data signals in response to a strobe signal and outputs the data signals in response to the timing signal. Since Fukuzo fails to teach each and every element of the invention as claimed, applicants respectfully request the Examiner reconsider and withdraw his rejection in light of applicants amendment and remarks.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-17 were indicated as allowed in the Office Action dated February 3, 2000.

Claims 21, 22, 41, and 42 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Claims 21, 41 and 42 have been amended to place these claims in independent form and to include all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 22 depends from claim 21. Therefore, claims 21, 22, 41, and 42 are now in condition for allowance.

Conclusion

Applicants' amendments and remarks have clearly overcome the objections and rejections set forth in the Office Action dated February 3, 2000. Specifically, applicants amendment to claim 18 and remarks overcome the 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) rejection of claims 18-20 and 23-40. The amendments to claims 21, 41, and 42 place these claims in independent form and thus, overcomes the objection to these claims. Claims 1-17 have

been allowed. Therefore, applicants respectfully request consideration and allowance of claims 18-42.

If the Examiner believes the application is not in condition for allowance, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner contact the undersigned attorney by telephone if it is believed that such contact will expedite the prosecution of the application.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge payment for any additional fees which may be required with respect to this paper to our Deposit Account No. 01-2300,

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